



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 2ND OF DECEMBER 2018

**Celebration of the
Lord's Supper and Baptism**

A Congregation of Grace Presbyterian
Church of New Zealand



Welcome to Shore Presbyterian Church

New to Church? We do understand that coming to a church meeting can be an uncomfortable experience for many people. We don't want you to feel anxious. Our style is relaxed and friendly and nobody will be put on the spot or asked to do something unfamiliar. ***You can simply be here and observe or participate to the degree you are comfortable.*** You do not have to be a Christian; this is an opportunity, in a non-threatening environment to learn more about who Jesus is and why we want to follow him. If you don't feel like praying, singing, or even standing up you don't need to, no one will think less of you. We will try to explain some aspects of the meeting as we go but we realise that some of our practices may seem strange. If you have any questions about why we do any of the things we do please don't hesitate to ask anyone who's involved with the service. Our pastor would love to answer any questions you have about the service or the message.

Children's Ministry - Children are an important part of all we do.

In the second half of the meeting during the teaching time a program is available for children. ***The children's group***, 3 to 9 years old, will meet in Classroom 3. ***Pre-teens***, over 9 years old, will meet in the Crèche room opposite the hall entrance. This will be a time of interactive fun and teaching at their level so they too can understand the things concerning Jesus. You are **free as families** to send your children to that program **or** to keep them in the main meeting. We encourage children to be part of the main meeting as we believe God's heart for them is large and they too are able to learn the great things of the Christian faith. **There are worksheets available at the back for use during the message if you find this helpful.**

Crèche: AREA 1 – This is available for **0 to 2 year olds**, during the sermon time, in the room on the right hand side of the building directly opposite the hall entrance. The person running the crèche will be waiting and available at the back of the hall. If they are not there then they will already be serving in the crèche room. **AREA 2** - The back part of the meeting room also has a child-friendly area where parents can feel a little more relaxed with their small children but still join in the worship.

Thanks again for joining with us this morning. We hope you find the time to be both encouraging and thought provoking. Please join us after the service for coffee, tea and snacks.

Call to Worship Psalm 36:5-9¹

⁵ Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶ Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;
your judgements are like the great deep;
man and beast you save, O Lord.

⁷ How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

⁸ They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

⁹ For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light do we see light.

Prayer with Corporate Prayer of Confession and Repentance

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father;

We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires
of our own hearts.

We have offended against Your holy laws.

We have not done those things
which we ought to have done;

And we have done those things
which we ought not to have done.

But You, O Lord are merciful.

Forgive us, O Lord, as we confess our faults.

Restore us as we repent,
according to Your promises
declared to us in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Grant, merciful Father, for His sake;
that we may live a godly, righteous, and holy life,
To the glory of Your holy Name. **Amen.**²

¹ All passages of Scripture taken from the English Standard Version.

² Adapted from the Anglican Prayer Book

Assurance of Grace *Heidelberg Catechism*

Question 60. *How are you righteous before God?*

Answer. Only by true faith in Jesus Christ: that is, although my conscience accuses me, that I have grievously sinned against all the commandments of God, and have never kept any of them, and am still prone always to all evil; yet God, without any merit of mine, of mere grace, grants and imputes to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never committed nor had any sins, and had myself accomplished all the obedience which Christ has fulfilled for me; if only I accept such benefit with a believing heart.

Songs of Adoration³ & Praise *O Come All Ye Faithful*

Author: John Francis Wade

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.

Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

O come, let us adore him;

O come, let us adore him;

O come, let us adore him,

Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above:

"Glory to God, all glory in the highest!"

O come, let us adore him;

O come, let us adore him;

O come, let us adore him,

Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord we greet Thee, born that happy morning;

Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n.

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing

O come, let us adore him;

O come, let us adore him;

O come, let us adore him,

Christ the Lord!

³Adoration: the act of paying honour, as to a divine being; worship; reverent homage; fervent and devoted love.

Your Love Oh Lord

Author: Third Day

Your love, oh Lord

Reaches to the heavens

Your faithfulness stretches to the sky

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains

Your justice flows like the ocean's tide

I will lift my voice

To worship you, my King

I will find my strength

In the shadow of your wings (REPEAT)

Sacrament of Infant Baptism

We rejoice to receive and recognise Cameron and Ruth Munroe's son Jack Sebastian as a non-communing⁴ member of the church of Jesus Christ as he is given the sign and seal of baptism.

Scripture Readings for Baptism

Genesis 17:7

And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

Acts 2:38, 39

³⁸ And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."

Acts 16:31

³¹ And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

⁴ "Non-communing" means that while an infant of believing parents is viewed as a member of the covenant community, with all the Gospel blessings and privileges of that membership, they do not participate in the Lord's Supper (communion), until they profess their own personal age-appropriate faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

⁴ “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ⁵ You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Matthew 19:14

Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.”

Baptismal vows

1. Do you heartily believe God’s covenant promise to be your God and the God of your children, and thus present Jack for holy baptism as a sign and a seal that he belongs to the covenant family of God?

Answer: *We do*

2. Knowing that you are saved through faith in Christ, not through anything you have done or ever will do, but simply through your faith in Christ’s finished work on Calvary’s cross – will you encourage Jack as soon as he is able to comprehend its significance to acknowledge personally his own faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and become a full member of the Church, serving God faithfully in its fellowship?

Answer: *With God’s help we will*

3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate Jack to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace to raise him in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, to pray for and with him, to teach him the truth of God’s Word, to keep him in the house of God and with God’s people, and to be faithful in your home life for Christ as you live it before him so that by God’s grace he will personally and always love, serve and follow Him?

Answer: *With God’s help we do*

Congregational vow

Do you receive Jack Sebastian Munroe as an infant member of this church, and promise to surround him with Christian love, to pray for him, and to set an example before him of genuine Christian faith and virtue, so that he will early in life know the reality of personal salvation and rich fellowship in the kingdom of God?

Answer: *With God's help we do*

Baptism and Prayer

Song of Blessing *The Aaronic Blessing (from Numbers 6:24-26)*

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace.

Song of Assurance and Thankfulness

Before The Throne Of God Above

Authors: Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vikki Cook.

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great high priest whose name is "Love,"
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
My name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heav'n he stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart.
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died,
My sinful soul is counted free;

For God, the just, is satisfied
To look on him and pardon me.
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! the risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace!
One with himself I cannot die,
My soul is purchased by his blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Saviour and my God
With Christ, my Saviour and my God

Pastoral Prayer

This will normally include opportunity for you to share things you are thankful for or want to ask God for. Though the Pastor is the one who prays aloud we can all pray together and express in our hearts the things that we want to bring to a gracious God. In this way, too, we practise love and care for one another.

Song of preparation for hearing God's Word

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Author: Charles Wesley

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King:
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King"

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of the Virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth,
Born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King"

Scripture Reading John 1:1-18 (Church Bible p886)

Dedication of offering and prayer for children

Giving to the Lord is a free will offering from the hearts of those who believe in Jesus for salvation. No one will be asked to give; this is simply between you and the Lord. That is why we have a box by the door. Please see endnote (p15) for further information about the offering.

Message Preparing for Christmas series no. 1

"Jesus: the light in the black"

There are worksheets at the back for children if you wish during the message

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions, next page

INTRODUCTION

Shorter Catechism - Number 23

Q: What offices does Christ execute as our Redeemer?

A: Christ, as our Redeemer, executes the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his state of humiliation and exaltation.

I. THE NEED OF A PROPHET

II. THE ANSWER IN JESUS

III. REVEALER BEFORE HIS COMING

A. THE WORD

B. FROM THE BEGINNING

C. THE PROPHETIC OFFICE

IV. REVEALED IN HIS COMING

A. HE IS THE REVELATION

B. THE MESSAGE IS GRACE

C. SO "LISTEN TO HIM"

V. REVEALED IN THE END

A. WE SHALL SEE

B. NO NEED OF THE SUN

VI. REVEALED THROUGH HIS CHURCH

A. BY WORD AND SPIRIT

B. TO ONE ANOTHER

C. FOR THE WORLD

CONCLUSION

- **Give thanks ...**
- **Commit ...**
- **Have a heart ...**

The Lord's Supper *Who is this for?* Jesus himself has appointed this means of remembering His death on the cross and the benefits that come to us. It is an opportunity to feed on Him by faith and to be strengthened as His followers. Therefore, it is appropriate that only those who are truly Christians should participate. That is, those who profess faith in Christ as Saviour and Lord, who are baptised into His church and who seek to live obedient lives. If this does not describe you, we encourage you not to take the bread or wine but to use the opportunity to consider the things you have heard in today's service and to consider the claims of Christ and what they mean for you. You may find some help in one of the prayers printed on page 16. If you have questions about these things, please contact Pastor Peter.

Song of preparation for the Lord's Supper

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Prayer Paul Burton

Closing Song *Speak O Lord*

Authors: Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
To receive the food of your Holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail—
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us—
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.

Speak, O Lord, till your church is built
And the earth is filled with your glory.

BENEDICTION⁵

Encouragement Group Discussion Questions

Scripture Reading John 1:1-18; Deuteronomy 18:15; 34:10;
 Hebrews 1:1-4

1. Do you find those three categories in understanding the person and work of Christ – prophet, priest and king - helpful? How?
2. What is prophecy and why do we need it? Think about Western Culture in particular. How does this broaden our understanding and joy in what Christmas celebrates?
3. How has God revealed Himself through time? What, or who, is His ultimate revelation? How do we now have that?
4. How is Jesus the Prophet par excellence? Discuss Matthew 17:5. What is His message? Discuss the fact that He does not simply bring a message but that He is the message.
5. What responses does this all require of us as individuals and as the church?

⁵ Benediction: literally, “good word” or “speak well”; a verbal blessing pronounced in God's name by the Pastor, at the conclusion of the service, sending us forth from this special time as we continue our lives seeking to know and follow Jesus.

Shore Presbyterian Church Giving Information

Throughout the Bible the giving of tithes and offerings has always been seen as a part of the believer's worship to God. Apart from other charitable giving it's important for Christians to help financially sustain the ministry of the local church they are a part of. If you wish to become a regular giver at Shore Presbyterian, please see our Treasurer Cathy Tasker who can provide you with a number so that you can receive a tax receipt at the end of the financial year. There are two ways to give: you can place your offering in the box in the entrance. If you wish to receive a tax receipt at the end of the year you can put the offering in an envelope with your number on it. You can also give online through automatic deposit. The Shore Presbyterian Church bank account number is 12-3059-0631003-00. Make sure you record your number with the deposit.

If you have any questions, please talk with Pastor Peter Boyd (021 0367 957 or petethepastor@shorepres.org.nz) or with our church Treasurer Cathy Tasker (cathytasker@gmail.com).

Silent Prayers for use during the Lord's Supper

Prayer of uncertainty *God, I don't even know if you exist or if I'm just talking to myself. If you are real, please help me to come to know you. Open my heart and my mind to consider the truth claims of Jesus who is called the Christ. Help me to see both my need for you and how Jesus is the provision for that need. Give me the answers I need and dissolve any dishonest objections that I hold to your existence Amen.*

Prayer for those searching for truth *Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.*

Prayer of belief *Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Saviour. Amen.*

Prayer of commitment *Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.*

Prayer for those struggling with sin *Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfilment of all my needs, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking only to you, the author and finisher of my faith. Amen.*

Prayer for the believer *Father, I come now to your table, to partake of Christ's body and blood in holy communion. I ask that you would search my heart and show me my failings and sins so that I may repent and turn to embrace your promises anew. Although I am unworthy, you have made me worthy. Though I am a sinner, you have taken away my sins by your very own body and blood. May you be glorified in our partaking of your sacrament. Amen.*

NOTICE PAGES

Encouragement Groups

Torbay

When Sunday evenings, 6:30 pm
Where Boyd's home, 15 Summit Drive Torbay
Contact Pastor Pete 473 9390 or 021 0367 957
Note Meets for bring & share lunch, last Sunday of the month

Pinehill

When Thursdays – 1st, 3rd (and 5th) of the month, 6:30 pm
Where Bruners' home, 18A Ballymore Drive Pinehill
Contact Pastor Dave 022 477 4978

Lord's Supper and Fellowship Meal

When 1st Sunday of the month, next: 2nd of December, *today*

English Language Help

A group from Shore is providing ESL service to our community. We gather weekly to get to know new neighbours from around the world and help them learn to speak English and function in Kiwi society. We also seek to incorporate an introduction to the gospel and a welcome to church.

When 10:00-11:00am Tuesdays
Where A'ruma Café, 252 Oteha Valley Road, Unit H2, Albany

Men's Ministry

What Men...encouraging men...reaching men (young & not so young)
End of year social night, food provided, ball games and discussion for next year.

When Tues. 4th of December, 6:00 pm, (monthly 1st Tues.)
Where Long Bay Regional Park, BBQ site 5

Prayer Meeting

When 7:15, 12th of Dec (2nd and 4th Wed of the month)
Where Boyd's home, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay
Note: after this, the prayer meeting will be in recess until the 9th of January

Bible Study for Women

- What** Encouraging and helping one another. Studying: “Whiter than Snow” (*meditations on sin & mercy in Psalm 51*)
- When** TBA
- Where** Janet’s home, 15 Summit Drive Torbay

Short-Term Mission Opportunity

Needed, people who can use a shovel, swing a hammer and lay concrete. We are planning a trip to Japan in April next year to help at the church that Sophia is going to be working at.

Interested? Please see Malcolm or email malcattasker@gmail.com.

Ladies End of Year Lunch

What As the year is coming to a rapid close, we thought to get together for a ladies fellowship and **shared lunch**:

- To Share with each other what we are thankful to God for this year;
- To Bless and encourage each other;
- To Share faith with our friends and neighbours. **Please do invite others.**

Please bring **ANY** salad **OR** dessert (*to accompany a Christmas ham and baked chickens which have been already freely contributed towards our luncheon*).

When Saturday, 8 December at 11-2pm

Where Lydia Song has kindly opened her hospitable home at 28 Huntington Park Dr, Greenhithe

Carpooling can be arranged. Please RSVP Anna by 15 Nov.

Shore Pres Church Camp

What A weekend away to rest, deepen our relationships and grow in the Lord.

Where Campbell Park Christian Camp, Mangawhai Heads

When Friday 15th to Sunday 17th of February 2019

Please note your diaries

Christmas Events

- **Carols on the Green**

Friday, 7th of December 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Browns Bay Village Green

Brought to you by the Churches of East Coast Bays and the ECB Community Project

- **The first annual “A Very Long Bay Christmas”**

Saturday, 15th of December from 4:30 pm

Ridge Park, 21 Te Oneroa Way

Brought to you by Long Bay Baptist, Torbay Anglican, Shore Presbyterian and the Long Bay Residents Association

- **Christmas at Shore Pres**

- Sunday, 23rd of December 10 am, “There IS Light!”

- Christmas Morning, 9 am, “The Gift that keeps on giving”

Prayer FOCUS

We recognise the importance of prayer as a foundation for all we do in ministry. In it we depend upon God to work His will, by His power, for His glory through frail instruments. The elders have felt that there are times when we should target some need or ministry in the life of the Church for particular attention. We’ll put it in the Sunday notices and then send out a group email to the Church Family on Wednesday of the same week.

Please make - The first annual “A Very Long Bay Christmas” - as advertised above a part of your prayers.

Serving Roster for next Sunday the 9th of December

SHORE KID’S LEADER	CRECHE	KITCHEN & MORNING TEA	OPEN UP & FIRE WARDEN	HALL SET-UP	HALL TAKE DOWN & CLEAN UP	SUPERVISE PLAY GROUND
TBA	Volunteer	Karen van B	Dennis van Bemmelen	Dennis, Steve and Jonathan	Volunteers	Volunteers



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